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FEMA AWARD TO LOCAL SCHOOLS HELPS MAKE SEDGWICK COUNTY "DISASTER-RESISTANT"

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Sedgwick County Emergency Management and Sedgwick County Project Impact recently learned that the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) awarded \$660,450 to two local schools in Sedgwick County for the construction of safe rooms.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School and Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School received \$320,450 and \$340,000 respectively to construct tornado shelters at the schools. These safe rooms are designed to protect children and teachers from severe storms, including high winds and deadly tornadoes.

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“Building safe rooms is key to helping make our community more resistant to injury and damage in the event of a major storm,” said Randy Duncan, Sedgwick County Emergency Management Director. “Sedgwick County is a Project Impact Community, and we are encouraging schools, businesses and citizens to look for ways to reduce or eliminate the impacts of disaster,” said Duncan. “We encourage other schools and organizations to contact us at 383-7546 for information about FEMA grant applications,” said Duncan.

Jefferson Elementary, 4615 E. Orme, was the first school in Sedgwick County to construct a safe room. Jefferson was damaged by the May 3, 1999 tornado and received FEMA grant funding for the safe room.

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